Central University/IIT in Madhya Pradesh

†1415. SHRI P. K. MAHESHWARI: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether any Central Unviersity or IIT is functioning in Madhya Pradesh;

(b) if not, the reasons for not opening the same in that State, so far;

(c) the reasons for step-motherly treatment in respect of higher education in SC/ST dominated State of Madhya Pradesh; and

(d) whether the Ministry is considering to open a central Unviersity and IIT in Madhya Pradesh?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT [DR. (SHRIMATI) RITA VERMA]: (a) to (d) No Central University or IIT is functioning in Madhya Pradesh. The ministry is not considering to open a Central Unviersity or an IIT in Madhya Pradesh for the following reasons.

— The National Policy on Education, 1986 (as modified in 1992) lays emphasis on consolidation and expansion of facilities in the existing Universities rather than setting up of more Universities, save where past commitments are involved.

— Opening of a new IIT requires huge investments and consequential liabilities. Therefore, cost effective options such as increase in intake of existing IITs and upgradation of Regional Engineering College are beign facilitated.

In any case, apart from 14 State Universities in Madhya Pradesh, Indian Institute of Management, Indore and Indian Institute of Information technology, Gwalior have been established in the said State to cater to the higher education needs of the region in particular and of the nation in genral.

NLM in Rajasthan

1416. SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the details of funds allocated, provided and utilized by National Literacy Mission for Rajasthan;

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